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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A railroad car ~~having comprising~~ a box body extending longitudinally between a first end of said box body and a second end of said box body, said box body delimiting a first compartment and a second compartment on a first story of said box body, a first landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said first story ~~a plurality of compartments within said box body, seats are arranged in at least some of said plurality of first and second compartments of said first story, the improvement of and said box body includes means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access more easily and more rapidly to the particular ones of said seats in at least some of said plurality of first and second compartments that have been reserved by the passengers, said means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access comprising:~~
at least one side door provided in said railroad car intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body operable for providing passengers with easy access to said seats arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments of said box body first landing;
an ~~exterior first identifying~~ exterior first identifying means for identifying said railroad car, said ~~first exterior identifying~~ exterior first identifying means being positioned on said railroad car so as to enable a passenger to readily determine the identity of said railroad car by reference to said ~~first exterior identifying~~ exterior first identifying means;
and
a ~~first interior second identifying~~ first interior second identifying means for identifying said seats that are arranged in at least some of said plurality of each of said first and second compartments in said box body

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~~of said railroad car of said first story, said second-first interior identifying means being positioned in juxtaposed relation to said at least one side door proximate said first landing so as to enable a passenger entering said railroad car through said at least one side door to readily determine by reference to said second-first interior identifying means which of said first and second compartments on said first story includes the location of a particular one of said seats that are arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments in said box body of said railroad car, and~~

a second interior means for identifying each of said seats, said second interior means being located within said first and second compartments of said first story so as to enable a passenger entering said first or second compartment of said first story to readily identify by reference to said second interior means a particular one of said seats.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~In a A railroad car, the improvement in accordance with claim 12 wherein said box body of said railroad car further delimits a first compartment and a second compartment on a second story of said box body above said first story, a second landing is arranged on said second story so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said second story, seats are arranged in said first and second compartments of said second story, includes a lower story and an upper story, said plurality of compartments of said box body includes a first compartment and a second compartment on each of said lower story and said upper story, a first landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said lower story, a second landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said upper story, and at least one staircase is provided within said box body for enabling access to be had between said first landing and said second landing, said first interior means further identifies said seats that are arranged in each of said first and second compartments of said second story, and said second interior means further identifies each of said seats in said first and second compartments of said second story.~~

14. (Currently Amended) ~~In a A railroad car, the improvement in accordance with claim 12 wherein a side door is provided in said railroad car intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body on each longitudinally extending side of said box body, each of said side doors being operable for providing passengers with easy access to said seats arranged in at least some of said compartments in said box body first landing.~~

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15. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ railroad car, ~~the improvement~~ in accordance with claim 12 wherein at least one door is provided at each of said first end and of said second end of said box body for providing access between said railroad car and ~~an~~ at least one other adjacent railroad car.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ train ~~including comprising~~ a plurality of railroad cars hitched up to one another wherein at least one of said plurality of railroad cars has a box body extending longitudinally between a first end of said box body and a second end of said box body, said box body delimiting a first compartment and a second compartment on a first story of said box body, a first landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said lower story ~~plurality of compartments within said box body, seats are arranged in at least some of said plurality of first and second compartments of said first story, the improvement in said train of and said box body includes means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access more easily and more rapidly to the particular ones of said seats in said at least some of said first and second compartments of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars that have been reserved by the passengers, said means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access comprising:~~

at least one side door provided in said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars operable for providing passengers with ~~easy access to said seats arranged in at least some of said plurality of compartments of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars~~ first landing;

~~a first identifying~~ an exterior means for identifying said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars, said ~~first identifying~~ exterior means being positioned on said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars so as to enable a passenger to readily determine the identity of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars by reference to said ~~first identifying~~ exterior means; ~~and~~

~~a second identifying~~ first interior means for identifying said seats that are arranged in ~~at least some of said plurality of each of said first and second compartments of said first story~~ in said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars, said ~~second identifying~~ first interior means being positioned in ~~juxtaposed relation to said at least one side door proximate said first landing~~ so as to enable a passenger entering said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars through said at least one side door to readily determine by reference to said ~~second identifying~~ first interior means which of said first and second compartments on said first story includes the location of a particular one of said seats that are arranged in at

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~~least some of said plurality of compartments in said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars; and~~

a second interior means for identifying each of said seats, said second interior means being located within said first and second compartments of said first story so as to enable a passenger entering said first or second compartment of said first story to readily identify by reference to said second interior means a particular one of said seats.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~A train, the improvement in accordance with claim 16 wherein said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars further delimits a first compartment and a second compartment on a second story of said box body above said first story, a second landing is arranged on said second story so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said second story, seats are arranged in said first and second compartments of said second story, includes a lower story and an upper story, said plurality of compartments in said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars includes a first compartment and a second compartment on each of said lower story and said upper story, a first landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said lower story, a second landing is arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said upper story, and at least one staircase is provided within said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars for enabling access to be had between said first landing and said second landing, said first interior means further identifies said seats that are arranged in each of said first and second compartments of said second story, and said second interior means further identifies each of said seats in said first and second compartments of said second story.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~A train, the improvement in accordance with claim 16 wherein a side door is provided in said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars on each longitudinally extending side of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars, each of said side doors being operable for providing passengers with access to said seats ~~arranged in at least some of said compartments in said box body~~ first landing of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars.

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19. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A train, the improvement in accordance with claim 16 wherein at least one door is provided at each of said first end and of said second end of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars for providing access between said at least one of said railroad cars and at least another one of said railroad cars of said train.
20. (New) A train in accordance with claim 17, wherein said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars includes a bogie positioned at each of said first end and said second end of said box body such that railroad cars adjacent to said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars are supported by said bogies, said first story of said box body being positioned between said bogies.
21. (New) A train in accordance with claim 20, wherein a door is provided at each of said first end and said second end of said box body of said at least one of said plurality of railroad cars, said door on said first end and said one door on said second end each being located at said second story of said box body for providing access between said second story of at least one of said railroad cars and at least another one of said railroad cars of said train.
22. (New) A train in accordance with claim 16, further comprising a door disposed between each of said first compartment and said first landing and said second compartment and said first landing.
23. (New) A railroad car in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a bogie positioned at each of said first end and said second end of said box body, said first story of said box body being positioned between said bogies.
24. (New) A railroad car in accordance with claim 23, wherein one door is provided at each of said first end and said second end of said box body, said one door on said first end and said one door on said second end each being located at said second story of said box body for providing access between said second story of said railroad car at least one other adjacent railroad car.
25. (New) A railroad car in accordance with claim 12, further comprising a door disposed between each of said first compartment and said first landing and said second compartment and said first landing.

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26. (New) A railroad car comprising:

- a box body extending longitudinally between a first end of said box body and a second end of said box body, said box body including a first compartment and a second compartment on a first story of said box body and a first compartment and a second compartment on a second story of said box body;

- a first landing arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said first story;

- a second landing arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said second story;

- at least one staircase between said first landing and said second landing;

- seats arranged in said first and second compartments of said first story and in said first and second compartments of said second story;

- a door provided at each of said first end and said second end of said box body, said door on said first end and said door on said second end each being located at said second story of said box body for providing access between said second story of said railroad car at least one other adjacent railroad car;

- a bogie positioned at each of said first end and said second end of said box body, said first story of said box body being positioned between said bogies;

- at least one side door provided in said box body intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body operable for providing passengers with access to said first landing;

- an exterior means for identifying said railroad car, said exterior means being positioned on said railroad car so as to enable a passenger to readily determine an identity of said railroad car by reference to said exterior means;

- a first interior means for identifying said seats that are arranged in each of said first and second compartments of said first story and in each of said first and second compartments of said second story, said first interior means being positioned proximate said first landing so as to enable a passenger entering said railroad car through said at least one side door to readily determine by reference to said first interior means which of said first and second compartments on said first story and said first and second compartments on said second story includes a particular one of said seats; and

- a second interior means for identifying each of said seats, said second interior means being located within said first and second compartments of said first story and within said first and second compartments of said second story so as to enable a passenger entering said first or second compartment of said first story or said first or second compartment of said

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second story to readily identify by reference to said second interior means a particular one of said seats.

27. (New) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, further comprising a door disposed between each of:

said first compartment of said first story and said first landing;

said second compartment of said first story and said first landing;

said first compartment of said second story and said second landing;

said second compartment of said second story and said second landing.

28. (New) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, wherein said exterior means includes a sign identifying said railroad car.

29. (New) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, wherein said first interior means includes a sign indicating numbers associated with said seats in said first and second compartments of said first story and said seats in said first and second compartments of said second story.

30. (New) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, wherein said second interior means includes at least one of:

elements placed facing said seats on a portion of said box body; and

elements placed on said seats.